

GOOD ROADS CLUB HOLDS MEETING

P. St. John Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, Delivers an Able Address—Will Ask For \$600,000 Bond Issue.

As a preliminary to the meeting of the Good Roads Club of last Saturday the Clear Fork District held a meeting at the courthouse in the morning to outline the course this district would take in the county meeting.

The district meeting was called to order by F. M. Moss who briefly stated the object of the meeting and H. S. Bowen followed with a few remarks along the same line.

A. S. Grever called attention to the fact that the meeting had no secretary and nominated C. A. Wagner who was unanimously elected to the position.

H. C. Calloway asked if the other districts had made any proposition to Clear Fork and was told that the other districts had been invited to be present and express themselves.

V. L. Sexton followed in an address in which he called attention to the fact that Clear Fork had paid 46 per cent of the taxes of the county for past 25 years and saw no reason why it could be expected that the ratio would change in the next 25 years and that if the bond issue be a county one that the amounts should be divided in proportion to the amount of taxes paid and to this end introduced a resolution to the effect that if the bond issue be for the county that Clear Fork demand that 46 per cent of the proceeds be expended in that district.

After a general discussion in which the provisions of the various road laws were brought out and explained, Mr. Sexton offered the following as a substitute for his previous resolution:

Resolved, That, Clear Fork in the county meeting this afternoon ask that the proposed bond issue be called under the act of 1908 instead of the act of 1910 and ask that a district bond issue be called for in the coming election.

The substitute resolution was carried unanimously and the district meeting adjourned.

THE COUNTY CLUB MEETING.

The Good Roads meeting of Tazewell county was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the president, F. M. Moss, who after briefly stating the object of the meeting, introduced Mr. H. St. John Wilson, State Highway Commissioner. Mr. Wilson briefly recited the history of the organization of the Highway Commission and told of the various acts under which the work was now carried on. That previous to the organization of the commission that out of the three quarters of a million spent annually by the State there was nothing to show for the money spent on the roads and that now under the systematic handling of the roads problem each year shows a constant gain in good roads.

The provision of the various acts and amendments for building roads was then explained. Under the bonding acts eighteen counties have voted and only two, Scott and Henrico, have voted against a bond issue.

The present road laws provide that roads may be macadamized or otherwise permanently improved. Some misapprehension exists as to the use of the word permanent. By usage it has come to mean a road that remains practically the same throughout the year that it is as good in the winter as in the summer.

Under the present law the following classes of roads have been constructed: Pavements; macadam, with bond; bituminous macadam; petroleum bond for automobiles; gravel; native soil; sand-clay.

Out of the 600 miles built under the Highway Commission about one-half has been of stone macadam.

Answering a question Mr. Wilson said, I would consider the improving of a road by changing and lowering the rate of grade to be more permanent than covering with stone as stone would eventually wash or wear away but the improved grade would last forever.

Explaining State aid Mr. Wilson said the law provided that the State funds be apportioned among the counties pro rata with the assessed valuation of the property and should Tazewell vote bonds and expend them on highways her proportion—amounting at present ratio to about \$3,600 to \$3,700 a year—would be returned to this county until the amount equalled half the sum, this county spent on its roads. That the money received from the State could be applied on the interest or put in the sinking fund. That the expense of the Highway Commission was paid by the State and no expense would be incurred by the county for the aid and advice of this department. The only expense being the salary of the engineer actually in charge—\$100.00 per month—and this engineer could be selected by local authorities. That the Highway Commission only considered themselves an advisory board and allowed the greatest liberty in the matter of the building of the roads consistent with the survey of a good, permanent road. That no unreasonable restrictions were imposed as to specifications or execution of the plans that met the general ideas of the taxpayers of

the counties asking for State aid.

Mr. Wilson then read a portion of the statute on roads and gave a brief history of the movement of States in aiding in this great work beginning with New Jersey in 1893. There are now 26 States with some form of State aid and the interest in the movement grows each year. No State that has ever undertaken the work has gone back to the old hit and miss way. New York for example started the good roads movement in 1898 with an appropriation of \$50,000.00 and last year they expended \$80,000.00 and as a result have one of the best systems of roads in the country today.

Mr. Wilson then answered a number of questions relative to the work and in response to an inquiry as to the work now being done on Hubble Hill he said that he would not like to express himself fully as the road had not yet been completed but from the figures given by the State in charge the work would cost as much, if not more, than it would have cost under State supervision and for a road not as good as you would have had the State's specifications being used, and certainly the road now building is on a much more grade than the State proposed to give them.

As to the cost of hauling on good as on poor roads Mr. Wilson quoted the figures of the Bureau of Roads, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for average cost of hauling a ton a mile in France, where roads are most all good, and in the United States, where roads are mostly bad, as follows: France, 7 cents a ton per mile. United States, 25 cents a ton per mile.

In other words it costs the American farmer four times as much to market his crops as it would if we had good roads. As a local case he gave an illustration of Lee county where the cost of hauling from the railroad at Ben Hur to Jonesville is now only one-eighth of what it was before a modern road was built between these points.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's address on motion of Col. J. S. Browning a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Geo. W. St. Clair then moved that we ask for a bond issue by districts and that the three districts now hold separate meetings to agree on the amount of bonds they want to vote on for their district, and that the bond issue for each district be voted for on the same day. Carried.

A short recess was then taken while the districts held their meetings. On reassembling the districts reported the following as being the amounts deemed necessary for a system of roads in their territory:

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| Clear Fork..... | \$250,000 |
| Jeffersonville..... | 200,000 |
| Maiden Spring..... | 150,000 |
| Total..... | \$600,000 |

The following committees were then appointed from each district to aid the attorneys in drafting the petition to the court:

Clear Fork—Chas. Harman, V. L. Sexton and Wm. Pruitt.
Jeffersonville—Jas. Ed Peery, Archie Thompson and Jas. P. Whitman.
Maiden Spring—Wm. O. Barnes, R. T. Bowen, Jr., and W. B. F. White.

H. S. Bowen was unanimously elected chairman of these committees in joint meeting.

After selecting Saturday, February 18th, for a joint meeting of the committees the Good Roads Club adjourned after one of the most successful meetings in its career and in which the opposition to better roads in this county crumbled like an egg shell.

Big Lick Items.

Miss Myrtle Wilson was a pleasant visitor to Raven Monday.

W. E. Thompson, of Premier, W. Va., was visiting his sister at this place Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Cline and little son were visiting Mrs. Henry Price on Friday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of a fine girl baby.

Miss Ethel Dye was the guest Wednesday night last of Misses Emma and Ellen Robinson.

Milton Dye, who is working at Berwick, W. Va., was a visitor to Mill Creek Tuesday last.

Martin Cartright, the 16-year-old son of Captain and Mrs. David Cartright, of Pocahontas, was killed by a train on the "Frisco" Railway at Sullivan, Mo., on Monday of this week. His remains will be brought to Pocahontas where interment will be made today. The unfortunate youth left Pocahontas about two weeks ago, and was in the employ of the railway company when he lost his life.

Hon. Barnes Gillespie, United States Attorney for this district, left Tuesday night for Richmond where he goes to argue two important cases before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, chief of which is that of Geo. Burchett et al. vs. the United States of America. This case had its origin in George Burchett, Columbus Colley, James Sykes and Logan Salyers intimidating by threats and otherwise preventing one Bruce Compton, a witness who had been regularly summoned, from appearing before the Federal grand jury at Big Stone Gap to indict the wife of George Burchett for selling whiskey contrary to the laws of the United States. For this the men were indicted, tried and found guilty and were sentenced to five years confinement at hard labor in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta and each to pay a fine of \$5,000. From this sentence the men appealed, and their fate now rests with the judges of Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., Jan. 15.
Miss Lettie Lovell is spending a few days at Richlands.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie spent one day last week at Tazewell.

Mrs. John Asberry spent today with Mrs. W. P. Cecil at Indian.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson are visiting relatives in the eastern part of the State.

Richard White, of Doran, visited his daughter, Mrs. James Johnson, the first of the week.

Mrs. W. P. Cecil visited Mrs. John Asberry Saturday and attended the Rebecca Lodge.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and R. K. Gillespie each have over 200 lambs and Mrs. Ollie Hurt about 150.

John Gillespie, Jr., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie, Sunday near Wittens Mills.

Mrs. George McCall and Mrs. Painter, of Tazewell, spent today with their relative, Mrs. Ollie Hurt.

Mrs. Joseph Smith returned Tuesday from Whitewood and reports her sister, Mrs. Ward, much improved.

Mrs. Tom Steele and daughter, Miss Lena, of Indian, were here on their way from a visit to relatives on the Branch.

Miss Joe Brittain and nephew, baby Brittain, spent the past week visiting Mrs. Ollie Hurt and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and daughter, Miss Uva, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion McGuire at Cedar Bluff.

Aubry Tabor, son of the late Hugh Tabor, formerly of this place, but now of Falls Mills, was circulating among old friends here Monday.

Miss Addie Harris, who was called home on account of her sister's death, mentioned in last week's paper, will return to Graham High School today.

The remains of Miss Bertha Harris were buried near her home on the Branch last Thursday instead of at the Thomas cemetery as was reported to be in your last issue.

Miss Mabel Bourne, of Gratton, spent from Saturday to Monday visiting relatives. She was on her way to Bondtown where she holds a position in Steele & Alder's store.

Will Rees Sparks left Monday for Whitewood where he has accepted a position with the Ritter Lumber Co. He was accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Raymond Ellis, who will reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell visited Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, Saturday and Sunday and took in the Odd Fellows and Rebecca's meeting Saturday and Sunday night.

Rev. M. P. Rimmer and son, Walter, of Norton, are here circulating among their friends. Rev. Rimmer preached in the Church of Good on Monday and Tuesday nights, and will preach at Richlands tonight and tomorrow night.

William Johnson, of Bluefield, had the misfortune last week to lose his residence by fire. He and his wife, nee Miss Florence White, formerly visited here and their many friends and relatives here were sorry to hear of their heavy loss.

Gehill Phillips, whose death was mentioned in last week's issue, was buried on Wednesday of last week. He was 66 years of age instead of 52 as stated. He was a man of considerable wealth, owning a fine farm in the oil section of Kentucky, also a very fine residence in Hazel Green. Two sons are merchants, one a lawyer and three others farmers, besides five daughters and a wife who was a sister of Mrs. Henry Phillips, three of the family married sisters and brothers. He and his brother, Henry, having married the same day.

Messrs. Carl Fields, of San Francisco, California, and cousin, Benny Leister, were visiting friends here Monday. They were on their way to Bluefield, the latter going that far with the former on his way to New York. Mr. Fields belonged to the Navy four years, and has encircled the globe. He visited many places mentioned in Holy Writ, and Messina just after the dreadful earthquake. He is a Tazewell county boy, partly raised here a nephew of the late Monteville Steele, and is a very fluent and interesting conversationalist concerning his extensive travels. He is very fond of the Navy, says he enjoyed it very much.

The Music Club.

The Tazewell Musical Club met at the home of Mrs. J. D. Harrison on Saturday, February 11th.

Some illustrations of war songs, "Hail Columbia" and "Maryland, My Maryland," were sung by Mrs. Barnes Gillespie, Mrs. A. S. Higginbotham, Miss Hattie Harman and Mrs. J. D. Harrison.

Mrs. Barnes Gillespie gave a biographical sketch of the composer for the afternoon—Henry Holden Huss.

Mrs. J. W. Chapman rendered a piano solo.

Mrs. Sidney Higginbotham and Miss Tr-la Kiser sang.

The absence of Mrs. A. G. Russell was very much regretted.

A number of invited guests were present, and the refreshments served delightful.

HOUSE PASSES RECIPROCITY BILL

Canadian Trade Agreement Ratified by Vote of 221 to 92—Majority of Republicans Present Voted Against the Measure.

President Taft's reciprocity agreement, which guarantees to Canada certain trade privileges not accorded other countries, was ratified in the House of Representatives on Tuesday through the support of an almost solid Democratic vote, seventy-eight Republicans also voting for the measure. The Democratic vote was 143 ayes and only 5 noes. The bill carrying the agreement into effect was passed 221 to 92.

The bill now goes to the Senate, and just what its fate will be in that body is at this time problematical. President Taft believes that if a filibuster can be avoided and a vote taken without delay the measure will pass. He is insistent that the Senate act one way or the other, and has indicated that he would call an extra session of Congress if it does not do so.

The passage of the bill in the House came at the end of a long debate which at times was as bitter as has been heard on the floor of that chamber in many years, and the final vote was reached only through the application of a cloture rule which shut off all amendments and even dispensed with the reading of the bill. The eighty-seven Republicans opposed to the measure fought the rule to the very last, denouncing it in caustic language, directing their fire especially against the Democrats and accused them, on the eve of going into power, of enforcing a "gag rule" as drastic as any against which they had so eloquently inveighed in the past. Those favoring the measure, however, stood firm, and the bill went through with a rush. News of the bill's adoption by the House was immediately communicated to the Canadian Parliament, where it was received with wildest applause.

Congressman Slempp, of this district, cast his vote for the measure. The adoption of this measure means that Canadian cattle, wheat and other products of the Canadian farms will be admitted to the American markets at a much lower rate of duty than those of other countries. The United States, of course, will enjoy the same privileges when entering Canadian markets with its products.

GO TO WASHINGTON

Bey of Dickenson Girls to be Guests of Sister of Congressman Slempp.

Quite an interesting party was aboard No. 12 on its arrival here on last Monday. They were a bevy of Clintwood girls, and were en route from their homes in Dickenson county to Washington, where they will be the guests of Miss Slempp, sister of the Ninth district congressman. They were Misses Lena and Emma Chase, daughters of Senator Chase; Miss Stella Smith, daughter of J. C. Smith, and Misses Polly Rush, Cora Trivett, and Lura Childress, and are young ladies who it will be remembered were accused in the last campaign of disturbing a Stuart meeting by their cheers for Slempp, and one of whom afterwards, when Slempp spoke at Clintwood, introduced the candidate and replied to the articles printed in the Stuart papers regarding the incident. The ladies were accompanied by Senator Chase and Mr. Smith and will spend two days in Richmond sightseeing before going to Washington. They will also go to New York before returning to their homes at Clintwood.

Harman Items.

Mrs. Lottie Reed is right much indisposed with an attack of grip this week.

Misses Meck and Okla Christian are both suffering this week with an attack of grippe and neuralgia.

B. W. Davis informs us that he trapped two skunks last week, which enabled him to renew his subscription to The Republican for another year.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of P. Higgins at Pleasant Hill on the 8th instant, Mr. James A. Christian and Miss Carrie Higgins being the contracting couple. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

The death of Mr. John Higgins, a venerable citizen of this community, did not come as a surprise to those acquainted with his condition. His remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife, who was buried Christmas day last.

Ira Altizer, son of Mrs. W. J. Reedy, of Canebrake, W. Va., is very ill at the home of his brother, C. Altizer, of Pleasant Hill. His brother, D. W. Altizer, of Richmond, has been summoned to the bedside. Appendicitis is the cause of his illness, and it is thought an operation will be necessary.

Mrs. W. O. Joel left on Tuesday for Richmond where she will join Mr. Joel and make her future home. Mrs. Joel has been the efficient stenographer in the law offices of Henry & Graham at this place since August last, and the many friends she made while here regret that she will not return to Tazewell.

FREESTONE ITEMS.

Items of Interest to Our Readers Briefly Told by Our Correspondent.

Asberry, Va., Feb. 14.
W. J. Brooks is nursing a very sore hand this week.

Misses Mollie and May Vanhoozer were the guests of Miss Dona Vanhoozer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lambert were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Church on Sunday.

Dr. W. O. Neal and two little sons, Stuart and Fred, spent Sunday at the home of J. A. Neal.

Mrs. Mattie Brooks and Mrs. W. O. Neal spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hilt.

Mrs. Lizzie Hoops spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. S. A. Wyatt, in Little Valley.

Mrs. D. W. Lynch and daughter, Miss Eddie, of Thompson Valley, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

A number of the citizens from this community attended the good roads meeting at Tazewell Saturday.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brack Johnson on Tuesday and left with them a fine baby boy.

Mrs. Mary Shrader and her little grandson, Master Howard Hoops, have returned to their home here after a week's visit to relatives in Little Valley.

Mrs. J. A. Neal and Miss Mattie Crabtree were at Tazewell Saturday to interview the dentist. They spent the night at the home of the latter in Thompson Valley, returning here Sunday evening.

Items From Raven

N. O. Gillespie was calling on friends here Sunday.

G. W. Gillespie was calling on friends here Saturday.

A. L. McGlothlin made a business trip to Lebanon Friday.

P. H. Lambert made a business trip to Richlands Saturday.

J. B. Crabtree, of Richlands, was a visitor here on Sunday.

Kelley B. Elswick made a flying trip to Blue Ridge this week.

R. J. Blankenship made a business trip to Cleveland one day this week.

Business has been picking up in general around here for the past few weeks.

"Little Bob" Shreve, of Doran, was calling on friends near this place Sunday.

Miss Ida Blankenship and little cousin were in town Saturday doing some shopping.

Arthur Ratliff, of Buchanan, is making change for McCall & Co. nowadays.

A telegraph office has been established at this place, with Edorn Counts in charge.

Dr. Cunningham, who has been at Richlands for several days, returned to this place Sunday.

James Kincanon, of Richlands, came down Sunday for a short visit with friends at this place.

Dr. J. H. Moore and P. H. Lambert were calling on friends at the Domestic Coal Company Sunday.

J. W. Brown, of near this place, who has been very low with fever for several weeks, is improving.

J. J. Deaper, our hustling agent, is on the sick list this week, but we are glad to say he is improving.

P. J. Elswick was visiting relatives in McGlothlin Valley the latter part of last week, spending the night and returning home Saturday.

A large school building is just being completed here. This is a great improvement to our town, it being one of the nicest school buildings in Southwest Virginia.

The Good Roads Matter.

MR. EDITOR:—The writer told you some time since that he would probably scratch you a few lines on the all-absorbing question which is just now engaging the minds of most of all your readers, "The Road Question," but until he saw last week an implied call upon those who have announced their candidacy for county offices as to how they stand on the road question, he did not feel much like scratching his promised lines, and now, he may not get what he wants. We would like to know why one who asks to be elected to the office of sheriff, county treasurer, or clerk of Tazewell should be asked or forced to tell how he stands on the road question any more than yourself, the editor of the Clinch Valley News, or any other good citizen. They only have their vote at the polls just as any other voter of the county. Now, it might be somewhat different with the candidates for supervisor or Commonwealth's attorney, if you have one who would assume the role of supervisor and would fight the bond issue. It seems to me that there is far more danger to the success of the bond issue in wrangling over just where the money shall be spent, each one afraid that his immediate neighborhood or his district will not get every cent paid into the general fund. I am not posted as to what has been done along this line, but I would caution all men who are in

favor of good roads not to be too ticklish or stubborn in their views on this point. We can't all see alike even when the pros and cons are pointed out. We should bear in mind that when we use a road on another man's land twice or three times as much as he uses that on ours we should, in justice, pay our proportionate part for the build and maintenance of the same. To illustrate: I live ten miles from my railroad station and own five miles of the road and you own the remaining five miles. Now, I come over with my wagon, buggy, etc., the whole of the ten miles of road once or twice a week while you do not on my five miles, possibly, once in a month, is it just and fair that you should build and maintain your half of the road and I use it four times as much as you use mine. It seems hardly so to me. Though I may be, I am not now a candidate for county office. Should I be, I will not hesitate to tell my friends that I am in favor of the bond issue under any and all reasonably fair conditions, and want to sound a warning to the friends of good roads in each district of our county. Don't be too jealous for fear you will lose to your neighboring district a few dollars. You might lose the whole game and thereby wade the mud and climb over rocks the remainder of your life.

CITIZEN.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Circuit court for Tazewell county begins here on next Monday.

Mrs. Joseph Peery is reported quite sick at her home on Tazewell Avenue.

Sam M. Lambert, of Canebrake, W. Va., was a business visitor here on Monday.

Rev. S. O. Hall will preach in the Presbyterian church at Graham next Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. Eliza Witten and family have moved into their handsome new home, which has just been completed on Mechanic Avenue.

J. G. Gillespie announces himself a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue in Clear Fork District in this issue of the Republican.

W. G. Harrison, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, is in New York this week purchasing the spring and summer stock of goods for "The Big Store."

Miss Frances Woods, of Roanoke, arrived here Saturday to enter on her duties as stenographer in the office of Henry & Graham, the well known attorneys.

Mr. John Wiley Marsh, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Gene Smith, of South Boston, Va., were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. S. O. Hall officiating.

Policeman Mosby, of Pocahontas, brought Roy Thomas, colored, to Tazewell yesterday and lodged him in jail. Thomas is charged with taking \$50.00 from the person of a white man at that place.

James P. Whitman, of Horsepen Cove, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Bettie Copenhaver, here on Tuesday. He is a strong advocate of the good roads proposition and is very sanguine of its success.

There will be a stated convocation of Clinch Valley Commandery, No. 20, K. T., on next Monday, February 20th, at 7:30 p. m. All Sir Knights are requested to be present as there will probably be work in the several degrees.

Mrs. W. G. O'Brien entertained her Sunday school class from 3 to 5 o'clock on last Tuesday afternoon with a Valentine party. The little folks enjoyed themselves playing games of different kinds after which delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Doak returned Monday from an extended stay at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Doak, who was suffering greatly with rheumatism when he left Tazewell returns feeling very much rejuvenated and entirely free of rheumatic pains.

Tazewell Lodge No. 62, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, sent a big delegation to Richmond Monday night to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge now in session in that city. Those who went were: John S. Bottimore, W. G. O'Brien, J. Ed Peery, H. W. Post, C. T. Prien, C. D. Patton, C. A. Thompson, Milton Thompson, Joseph Cregar, J. H. Lewis, T. A. Repass, C. H. Peery, H. Claude Post, T. K. Steele, C. B. Linkous, E. C. McFarland and J. P. Barret. Accompanying the body of Masons were: H. B. Grever, J. G. Hawkins, J. S. Pendleton and R. H. Matthews.

In the circuit court of McDowell county, W. Va., on Tuesday, Judge I. C. Herndon overruled a motion made by counsel for defendant in the case of Allen P. Kinder's administrator vs. the Richards Construction Company, and entered judgment on the verdict for \$10,000 which was rendered at the May term, 1910, of said court. Young Kinder, son of George W. Kinder, of Thompson Valley, this county, was killed while in the employ of said company in May, 1909. The first trial of the case resulted in a verdict of \$5,000 against the company, which was set aside, and on second trial the jury doubled the amount. J. Powell Royall, of this place, and Strother, Taylor & Taylor represented Kinder in the suit, while Stokes & Sale appeared for the defendant company.

COL. LEVEN LAKE PASSES AWAY

Was Nearly 100 Years Old And His Life Rich With Good Deeds—He Was a Valiant Confederate Soldier.

Col. Leven Lake died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lida Owen, in Grenada, on Wednesday afternoon of this week, after a week's illness. He was 93 years, 4 months and 18 days old, having been born in Dorchester county, Maryland, Sept. 7, 1817. He came to this place in 1834, and except for a short residence in Tennessee, Mississippi has been his home ever since. He was one of the pioneer merchants of Grenada. He brought his first goods here on barges up the Yalobusha river.

For thirty years he was the Mississippi representative of the Armour Packing Company, and he remained with them until about ten years ago. He was diligent in his labors and in whatever he engaged he met with a fair measure of success.

He joined the Methodist church in 1836, and had always been an active, a zealous, a faithful and useful member.

He became a Mason in 1836, and ever exhibited a marked interest in the tenets and doings of this great fraternal organization.